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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Marie Patterson

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-3, 8-11, 14, 15, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Heifort, IV (5901473).

3. Claims 1-4, 14-17, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Shanahan (3517928).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 5-7 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over either Heifort or Shanahan.

In reference to claims 5-7, either Heifort or Shanahan discloses the claimed invention except for the exact percentage of weight for the weight in reference to the shoe weight. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a weight that is 10-40%, 10-20%, or 15-45% the weight of the shoe, since it has been held that where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum or workable ranges involves only

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routine skill in the art. In re Aller, 105 USPQ 233. Also, it is noted that both Heifort and Shanahan discuss using different weights according to the desired use/need.

In reference to claims 11-13, either Heifort or Shanahan discloses the claimed invention except for the exact materials for the weight. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a tungsten and polymer, since it has been held to be within the general skill of a worker in the art to select a known material on the basis of its suitability for the intended use as a matter of obvious design choice. In re Leshin, 125 USPQ 416.

6. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heifort in view of Price (6543160).

Heifort shows a shoe comprising a sole with a weighted cleat (20) attached thereto and Heifort discloses numerous different arrangements of the weight in the cleat substantially as claimed except for providing the additional weight in a washer. Heifort teaches providing a washer (79). Price teaches providing performance modifications on a cleat by providing the modification in a washer (17) above a cleat (8). It would have been obvious to provide the performance modification (i.e. the weight) in a washer as taught by Price in the shoe of Heifort to allow the weight to easily be modified and to provide an increased variation in the weights available.

1. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). Other useful information can be obtained at the PTO Home Page at www.uspto.gov.

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Any inquiry concerning the MERITS of this examination from the examiner should be directed to Marie Patterson whose telephone number is (571) 272-4559. The examiner can normally be reached from 6AM - 4PM Mon-Wed.



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